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UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION V
230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

MAR 11 1983

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
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Mr. Alvin Laskin
717 N. Poplar Street
Jefferson, Ohio 44047

Re: Laskin/Poplar Site
Jefferson, Ohio

Dear Mr. Laskin:

Section 104(a)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(a)(1), authorizes the President or his designated representative to undertake removal or remedial activities to control the release of hazardous substances at a facility at which a release or a substantial threat of a release exists, unless the President or his designated representative determines that such actions will be done properly by an owner, operator, or other responsible party as defined in Section 101 of CERCLA.

From 1980 through the present, there have been releases and substantial threats of releases into the environment of hazardous substances from your facility, located at or near 717 N. Poplar Street, Jefferson, Ohio. In accordance with Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) undertook a response action using funds provided for such actions. The action began on or about July 1982 and concluded on or about November 1982. EPA removed approximately 700,000 gallons of contaminated fluids from the site. This action was taken because no responsible party came forward voluntarily to perform the response action.

The cost of this response action was approximately one million, one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$1,165,000). EPA has determined that pursuant to the provisions of §107(a)(1) and (2) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9607(a)(1) and (2), you are liable for payment of this sum as well as other expenses arising from the response.

Demand is hereby made upon you for payment of the response costs. If you desire to discuss the matter of your liability with EPA, you should notify John McPhee at 312/886-6719 not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this letter. If you fail to respond, the United States may file a civil action in a United States District Court for judgment against you on this indebtedness.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Basil G. Constantelos", is written over the typed name.

Basil G. Constantelos
Director, Waste Management Division

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